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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the Abstract, presented on the following separate sheet, as follows:

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~~The present invention relates to~~ A constant velocity (CV) joints joint and, more particularly, ~~[[to]]~~ a retaining ring for a CV joints joint and a method of assembling a retaining ring on a CV joint. The tripod constant velocity joint may be assembled by placing a retaining ring in alignment with a trunnion head, applying a force to the aligned retaining ring to expand the diameter of said retaining ring so that a fracture area on the retaining ring fractures. After the fracture area fractures, the retaining ring is displaced into a retaining groove on the trunnion. The retaining ring includes an outer surface, an inner surface, a first notch extending from one of the inner and outer surfaces to the other of the inner and outer surfaces, and a fracture area extending from the first notch to the other of the inner and outer surfaces.

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